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SUBJ: SYG WALDHEIM'S PRESS CONFERENCE, SEPT 16:

AFRICAN ISSUES

FOLLOWING AFRICAN QUESTIONS DISCUSSED DURING PRESS CONFERENCE:

1. SPANISH SAHARA--SYG SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED SPANISH AND MOROCCAN AMBASSADORS, WHO DO NOT SHARE SAME POSITION CONCERNING SPANISH SAHARA. "SINCE MATTER IS BEFORE ASSEMBLY", SYG SAID HE DID NOT THINK IT "JUSTIFIED TO GO FURTHER". THIS IS DISPUTE BETWEEN TWO MEMBER STATES. IN FACT, OTHER MEMBERS OF UN ARE ALSO INVOLVED. I THINK WE HAVE TO LEAVE IT NOW TO GA....".

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2. NIMIBIA- WALDHEIM SAID HE HAD HAD NO CONTACTS WITH SAG CONCERNING NAMIBIA SINCE SC SUSPENSION OF DISCUSSIONS. HE OBSERVED IN

REPLY TO QUESTION THAT COMMISSIONER MACBRIDE IS TRYING HIS
BEST
TO CREATE MORE INTEREST, AND AMONG HIS PROPOSALS IS CREATION
OF NAMIBIA INSTITUTE AT LUSAKA.

3. APARTHEID--WALDHEIM OBSERVED THAT HIS" CAREFUL OPTIMISM"
CONCERNING SOUTHERN AFRICA IS BASED ON NEW GOP, INDEPENDENCE OF
GUINEA-BISSAU, AND SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH
FRELIMO. WALDHEIM ALSO IS OPTIMISTIC CONCERNING ANGOLA, AND
BELIEVES THAT THESE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS WILL REFELCT ON
SITUATION ELSEWHERE, INCLUDING RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA.

4. SOUTH AFRICAN CREDENTIALS: "MATTER IS BEFORE GA....AS FAR
AS IMPLICATIONS OF THESE DECISIONS ARE CONCERNED, IT DEPENDS ON
THE RULING, WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN IN PAST YEARS BY THE PRESIDENT.
OF COURSE, I DO NOT KNOW WHAT KIND OF RULING THE NEW PRESIDENT
OF THE NEXT SESSION WILL MAKE."
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